

KENNETH BROWN, VIRGINIA
AUTHOR, AND HIS BRIDE

Mrs. Brown, before her marriage in New York on April 21st, was Miss Marie Demetria Vaka, of Constantinople, Turkey, her parents belonging to an old Greek family, who held high official position in Crete.

Miss Vaka came to America about seven years ago as a teacher of French, German and other languages. She and Mr. Brown, who is a well known Virginia novelist, met at a reception in New York about a year ago, and their harmony of tastes in literary matters at once drew them together. They are at present engaged on a romance dealing with modern Greece and having their own wedding scene as the closing chapter.

Mrs. Brown has studied for the stage, where it is probable she may yet make her appearance.

Mr. Brown, when at home in Virginia,



lives near Charlottesville. His stories of Virginia life have given him reputation as a writer.

SOCIETY
(Continued From Sixth Page.)

Evelyn Bridges; Duet, Invitation to the Dance, Miss Zelle Minor, Mrs. Norman Gail; Grand Aria (Der Freischütz), Mrs. John Murphy.

Mrs. McGhee sang by request, "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster from Oberon," by Von Weber.

Delightful Musicals.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Petty, of Rocky Mount, N. C., surprised their many friends with a most delightful musical. The programme, while not lengthy, was exceedingly well chosen, and executed in every part in a masterly manner.

Among the guests were Professor Jacob Reinhardt and his son, Mr. John J. Reinhardt, of Richmond, Va., both of whom rendered several numbers and contributed largely to enhance the pleasure of the evening.

Professor Reinhardt played in his matchless style, "Valse Brillante," op. 84-1, Chopin; "Nocturne," op. 27-2, by the same composer, and by special request the delightful composition of Wolferthout, "Whispering Wind." Professor Reinhardt was compelled to respond to an encore, and interpreted a beautiful melody of Jules Reue King, "Withering Flowers," with perfect expression. Mr. John J. Reinhardt, who is a finished violinist, delighted the guests with the following numbers: "Legende," "Wienlawski," "Simple Aveu,"

Thome; and in response to an encore, stirred his audience with a perfect rendition of "Preis Lied," from Meister-singer, by Wagner.

Mr. J. G. Corley, of Richmond, Va., was one of the cut of town guests.

The Annual Exhibit.

The private view of the annual spring exhibit of the Richmond Art Club will take place on the evening of May 16th, and the doors will be open to the public May 17th, the next day. The exhibit will be again held in the Crenshaw building, No. 11 West Main Street.

Among the prominent artists who will be represented here this year will be Leonard Ochtmann, who is the 1904 recipient of the Webb prize from the society of American artists for his painting, "Autumn Sunrise." Mr. Charles C. Curran, the recent winner of the Carnegie prize, known here through examples sent in 1903, will again send paintings. John Alexander, whose painting, "A Ray of Sunshine," caught and held the attention of every visitor to last year's exhibit, will favor the club in 1904. So also will another artist, Frederic Ballard Williams, familiar to Richmond people and a favorite through his fine work. Another old friend to be seen again among exhibitors will be Warren Eaton, whose charming water color, "The Bend of the River," was one of the pictures sold last spring. Newcomers will be Childe Hassam and Robert Vornah, both artists of note. The announcement that Ben Foster and Mr. Daingerfield's canvases will again be hung on the exhibition walls will create

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a distinct ripple of pleasure. Mr. Daingerfield will send "Faville," the picture that won him his admission into the society of American artists. It is the painting of a girl holding a vase in her hands. Mr. Daingerfield is considered by critics to be one of the most wonderful of American colorists. His "Madonna" of last year and his painting, "Leda and the Swan," of 1902 were both much admired in Richmond.

Preparations for the spring opening are being pushed with a will, and the outlook at present is most encouraging for a great success.

Dispensers of Hospitality.

At the reception after the musicale given in the Woman's Club Friday afternoon last Miss Lyon presided at the coffee table and Miss Knox served tea. The circle around both tables was very pleasant, the young ladies serving and those being served enjoying equally the charming social intercourse of the hour.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Conway Howard will spend the month of June with her sister, Mrs. A. P. Camm.

Mrs. Hunter McGuire and the Misses McGuire will close their home here early in the season preparatory to traveling North during the summer.

An entertainment will be given Friday next, from 5 to 7 P. M., by the Commonwealth and Old Dominion Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution, in honor of Mrs. A. C. Henneberger, of Harrisonburg, Va., the newly elected vice-president of the national organization of daughters. A committee, including Mrs. Larkin Glazebrook, Miss Roberta Allen, Miss Larry Clair Atkinson, Wickham and Mrs. Dallam Barksdale, will meet Tuesday at 10 A. M., with Mrs. Glazebrook to perfect arrangements.

Mrs. Calvin Whiteley is spending some time with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Janie Howard will come to Richmond the last of this month for the purpose of examining Richmond applicants for Bryn Mawr scholarships. Miss Howard is the daughter of Mrs. Conway

Howard, and the fact that to her has been assigned the office of examiner for scholarship applicants is a great compliment to her well known ability.

Mrs. M. D. Chisholm, of Westfield, Mass., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Rison, at No. 331 South Pine Street. Mrs. Chisholm as Miss Rison graduated at the Virginia Hospital several years ago.

Professor and Mrs. Basil Gildersleeve, of Johns Hopkins University, will spend the summer in travel abroad, as their friends here will be interested to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baskerville have taken a delightful house on Hermitage Road, near Richmond, and will occupy it this summer.

Miss Gladys Frazier, one of the most admired debutants of the past season, has just returned from a delightful visit to Baltimore. Mrs. Harry Frazier, Miss Frazier's mother, entertained beautifully at cards yesterday afternoon.

Miss Anna Rose Walker and Mr. John Walker, who have given up their West Franklin Street residence and taken apartments at the Chesterfield, and will leave early in the summer for Europe, where they will spend some months in pleasant travel.

Mrs. Maverick, of Texas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Peyton Wise, on Main Street, between Second and Third.

Miss Nora Langhorne is spending some time in Richmond with her sister, Mrs. T. Moncre Perkins.

Miss Helen Christian returned Friday from a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Ida H. Clarke, of East Broad Street, is the guest of friends in Washington, D. C.

New Trustee.

Judge R. Carter Scott, of the City Circuit Court, yesterday appointed Mr. J. M. Godsey a trustee of Leigh Street Baptist Church, vice Mr. R. A. Gary.

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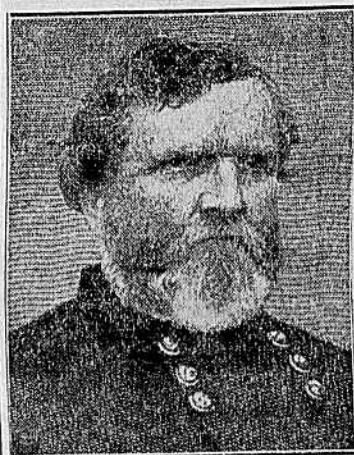
Miss Nell Sinton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinton, whose name completes a lovely trio, and makes her the second maid of honor associated with Miss Smith for the Richmond College Field Day, May 14th.

Miss Nannie Waddill, the daughter of Judge Edmund Waddill, who has been one of the most popular debutants of the past season. She will be maid of honor to Miss Smith at Richmond College Field Day exercises.

LETTER OF
GEN. THOMAS

It Was Addressed to Governor Letcher and Is Still on File.

The vacillating course of George H. Thomas in the exciting days of 1861 caused a great deal of comment at that time, and it has been a subject of discussion off and on ever since. General Thomas was a Virginian, a graduate of West Point Military Academy, and an officer in the United States army. With the exception of a difference in rank, he occupied exactly the same position as General Robert E. Lee, and his relatives, friends and admirers in Virginia believed he would do just as Lee did. That he gave them time and again assurances



GEN. GEORGE H. THOMAS.

that he would never draw his sword against his State has often been asserted and as often denied by his admirers in the North.

In March, 1861, General Thomas wrote a letter to Governor Letcher, of Virginia, in which he expressed his devotion to Virginia, and said in effect that he would remain in the United States army so long as his State remained in the Union. However, in a few weeks he changed his mind, and drew his sword against his State. Many reasons have been given to account for his sudden change, but it is probable that the promise of rapid advancement was the main reason. But he that says it may, it is true that the letter he wrote to Governor Letcher gave rise to a controversy at Washington as to whether or not he had recognized his allegiance to Virginia. While the course of General Thomas in remaining in the Union army and repudiating his allegiance to his State was of immense benefit to the Federal cause at the time, it is nevertheless true that the belief that he did write the Letcher letter (though his friends had denied it), taken with the knowledge of his offi-

pressed devotion to Virginia, made the authorities at Washington afraid to trust him very far, and he was never given the commands that had been tacitly promised him, and that his ability as a soldier and officer so eminently fitted him for.

It was denied at the time that the Letcher letter was in existence or had even been written. It has often been denied, since and only a few weeks ago the subject was revived in a Northern paper and the existence of the letter was again vehemently denied.

The letter is in existence, and is being safely kept in the home of the archives of Virginia. The Times-Dispatch has been permitted to make a copy of it, and here it is:

New York Hotel,
March 12, 1861.

His Excellency, Governor John Letcher, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sir,—I received yesterday a letter from Major Gihlan, of the Virginia Military Institute, dated the 9th instant, in reference to the position of Chief of Ordnance of the State, in which he informs me that you had requested him "to ask me if I would resign from the service, and if so whether that post would be accepted."

I am, sir, very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE H. THOMAS.
Major, U. S. Army.

As he requested me to make my reply to you direct, I have the honor to state, after expressing my most sincere thanks for your very kind offer, that it is not my wish to leave the service of the United States as long as it is honorable for me to remain in it; and therefore, as long as my native State, Virginia, remains in the Union it is my purpose to remain in the army, unless required to perform duties alike repulsive to honor and humanity.

The Times-Dispatch could make a photographic copy of the letter, showing it to be in the handwriting of General Thomas, but this is not necessary, unless the accuracy of this copy shall be questioned.

Gone to Pittsburg.

Mr. M. J. O'Donnell, one of the City Hall employes, has gone to Pittsburg to visit his aged mother, and while away will stop over to visit friends in Washington.

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